



British BIDs news

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Two more 'Yes' votes

Two more BIDs have gained resounding 'Yes' votes: Dorchester and Coventry City Centre both heard the good news today.

Dorchester is now the first BID in Dorset, having won its BID ballot with an 81% straight majority, representing 84 % of Ratable Value. Turnout was especially impressive for a first ballot with 56%. The Dorchester BID is very much business-led, having been established from the Chamber of Commerce in an area with no previous track record of town centre management or a town partnership.

Coventry City Centre's success means the renewal of their BID mandate for a further five years. This is in addition to the Coventry City Wide BID, which was voted in, in February 2007. The ballot was won with 83% of businesses voting in favour representing 85% of rateable value. Turnout was 36%.

Upcoming ballots

March will be a busy month for BID ballots with Royal Leamington Spa and Daventry both going to ballot, along with the first Scottish BID ballots in Bathgate, Inverness and Clackmannanshire (Business Parks).

For a full list of upcoming ballot please see the calendar on our website. A full listing of BID contacts, ballot details and statistics is also available in the BID location section.

British BIDs events

- **Bb Chairs Network event** - Tuesday, 29th April – London
Our regular Network session for the Chairs of established and developing BIDs. Details will be posted on our website and emailed to all Bb BID members shortly.
- **Bb Summer Conference** - Thursday, 26th June – central London (more details to follow)

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